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By Jessica Gallart
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Top dog

America's love affair with **Labrador retriever** just keeps going and going

Reuters

NEW YORK The Labrador retriever was named the top dog in the U.S. on Wednesday for the 20th consecutive year by the American Kennel Club.

The rankings remained largely unchanged from last year with the German shepherd in second place in 2010, followed by the Yorkshire terrier. The beagle beat out the golden retriever, which ended up fifth.

Most surprising was a jump in popularity for the bulldog, which ended up sixth, its highest ranking in a century.

"'Bob' was the first AKC registered bulldog in 1886, and today the breed enjoys its highest ranking in 100 years at No. 6," American Kennel Club spokeswoman Lisa Peterson said.

The boxer, the dachshund, the poodle and the diminutive Shih Tzu rounded out the top 10 most popular dogs in the list of 167 breeds. The ranking is based on the number of registrations for the breed with the American Kennel Club.

For next year, the club will expand its breed registry by adding the Norwegian Lundehund, the Xoloitzcuintli and the Entlebucher Mountain Dog.

The club said it saw a rise in popularity of larger dogs, with breeds such as the Great Dane rise from 28th place to 17th or the mastiff, from 39th to 28th.



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The rankings



1 Labrador retriever



2 German shepherd



3 Yorkshire terrier



4 Beagle



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Real parties don't end in jail cells

I recently encountered the ultimate party animal.

It was 10 a.m., and he was peeing into the trees beside a bus stop on Grand Avenue. As he unsteadily took his seat after zipping up, a bottle of vodka fell out of his pocket.

"Wow," I thought to myself. "That guy really knows how to party."

I'm not entirely sure I could list for you too many differences between that guy and the denizens of "Jersey Shore," who urinate in public and embarrass themselves frequently. But for some reason, they're "partying" and that guy I saw at the bus stop was "publicly displaying his chemical dependency."

Euphemisms—the stupid dancing-around-the-subject we all do from time to time—seem to be front and center recently, partially thanks to one Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi and her hard "party" during a recent "Jersey Shore" episode in which she drunkenly face-planted, body-shot and cop-cursed her way to the pokey. The rest of the clan seemed genuinely concerned about her, but headlines such as "Snooki parties too hard" and "Snooki parties her way into jail" are more truthful when you replace the word "parties" with "drinks."

Now, I'm not going to get all Sister Mary Buzzkill on you and suggest that Snooki (and the rest of us) can't have a rip-roaring night out, one in which the bounds of what's socially acceptable get stretched. It happens to the best of us, from an Army general who got fired after unloading to a reporter his negative opinions about President Obama, on down to the aforementioned Princess of Poughkeepsie.

It just seems silly to verbally tiptoe around the truth of what took place and wash it in the language of a sixth-grade slumber party. Partying is dancing all night to bad pop songs, not engaging in a two-day bender that results in jail time. That's "getting drunk," everyone (or "doing drugs," if you're on "Two and a Half Men").

And yet the stars of reality shows such as "Jersey Shore," tabloids, celebrity blogs and, yes, newspapers all perpetuate this fallacy, that it's not "getting obliterated," it's just a little harmless "partying."

"I only party during the summer like that. It's never like that all year round," Snooki reportedly told Matt Lauer on the "Today" show after he asked her if she had a drinking problem.

OK, fine. Snooki might not be an alcoholic (if everyone who got drunk was one, AA meetings would have more attendees than Bears games). But let's not use the word "party" interchangeably with "abuse alcohol and/or drugs" anymore. It's ridiculously inaccurate and perpetuates the idea that drinking or drugs are essential to having fun.

As long as we can end the linguistic shenanigans, let's leave Snooki in peace, to boozily cavort to her heart's content.



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Track starts

On the heels of Train Tracker's release, a scramble to create the best mobile 'L' app

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

CTA riders were excited when the agency released Bus Tracker in 2008 so they could easily plan their commutes. For Chris Cieslak of Ukrainian Village, the newly available Web- and mobile-based listings of bus routes and arrival times became a job opportunity.

Cieslak, who was working as a Web developer for a nonprofit organization at the time, began creating a bus-tracking iPhone app in March 2009 when his bus routes—the No. 66-Chicago and No. 70-Division—joined Bus Tracker. Buster, as it became known, first was created for Cieslak's personal use, and he wasn't sure he would release it as a commercial product.

But within a month he was selling the 99-cent app, geared toward Chicagoans who ride multiple bus lines, in Apple's online store. It has generated about 40,000 downloads since and has garnered three and a half stars out of five based on customer reviews, said Cieslak, who gets 70 percent of the sales.

"Because it was so popular, it got my foot in the door to doing iPhone applications full time," said Cieslak, 32, who works as an iPhone developer and owns software publisher Electropuf, which sells Buster in Apple's app store.

On the heels of the CTA releasing a similar train-tracking site this month, Cieslak and other developers are scrambling to get out new apps or update the ones they have with the train tracker function. Once their train trackers are in place, they can look to create commuting apps that incorporate other Chicago modes of transportation such as cabs.

In a corner office on the second floor of UIC's engineering research facility off Halsted and Taylor streets, one professor and graduate students are trying to make your Chicago commute easier.

A large screen at the entrance of the office displays the locations of UIC's shuttle, which links the east and west sides of the campus. Assistant professor Jakob Eriksson and his team are working on adding the campus shuttle to their popular iPhone app, TransitGenie.

The app, which launched in November 2009, takes CTA data into account to tell riders when their bus is expected to arrive as well as the fastest way to get to their destination



Buster creator
Chris Cieslak

through busing, walking and/or biking.

The UIC shuttle addition is not the only improvement Eriksson and his group are set to launch soon. Within the next month, the team plans to add a train tracking function to TransitGenie based on the information the CTA has started posting on its site this month. Train Tracker data relies on signal monitors, unlike Bus Tracker, which relies on GPS.

Eriksson said the addition is a stepping-stone to creating commuting apps that incorporate other Chicago modes of transportation.

After they add the train tracker function, Eriksson said he and his team would like to augment the app with a tracker for taxis.

Eriksson, 33, also has looked into creating an app called Urban Explorer that would use listings from Yelp to show tourists and others locations of nearby attractions if they want to kill time before heading to the airport.

"There's a lot of things to be done in the intersection of computers and transit. We're just exploring it," said Eriksson, a Sweden native who lives in the South Loop.

Eriksson said he began working on the TransitGenie app in March 2009, a few months after he became a computer science professor at UIC. He had moved from Boston and didn't have car. He realized a need for a transit navigator and noticed the iPhone was growing in popularity, so he released his first version of TransitGenie, which he described as "shaky," in November 2009.

Now TransitGenie has 30,000 users who

That's so quirky

As the CTA continues to test its train tracking website, CTA President Rich Rodriguez noted a few quirks with the system at the CTA board meeting earlier this month.

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» Most of the predicted arrival times for CTA stops are based on a program that monitors train signaling systems. Stations at the end of a line, such as the 95th Street stop on the Red Line and the Midway stop on the Orange Line, have estimated arrival times based on CTA schedules because the trains haven't left the terminal and passed through any signals.

» If there is an issue at a CTA stop, such as a fire or a person on the tracks, the train tracker may become temporarily unavailable as the agency determines how long it will take the train to start running again.

» Train Tracker also isn't able to tell riders if a train is running express, but the CTA hopes to have that feature eventually.

have downloaded the free app. Unlike many app developers, Eriksson is using the process for academic research rather than profit.

"I want to find interesting research problems," said Eriksson, whose studies are funded in part by the National Science Foundation. "It's a natural platform to find problems."

Some of the problems Eriksson has encountered have been mapping the foot paths near train stations and getting data from Me-

tra and Pace, which don't publicly post their tracking information the way the CTA does.

The cash-strapped CTA said it doesn't have an in-house app developing team so it doesn't have to incur the cost for creating these apps. Instead, the agency provides the data to developers to create mobile and desktop apps and widgets.

Eriksson said the CTA has been "very open" with its data, and he's discussed his app





UIC assistant professor and TransitGenie co-creator Jakob Eriksson on the UIC campus
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS

with the agency. The Chicago Tribune Media Group, which publishes RedEye, also has been in talks with the CTA about potential app opportunities. Cieslak said he had talks with the CTA in the late stages of creating Buster.

Cieslak said when he first started working on the app, he was just pulling data from the Bus Tracker website.

These days, he hopes to have a function

that alerts users when their bus is 10 minutes away. For now, though, Cieslak said he's excited about adding train tracker.

"It's been the No. 1 feature people have been asking for since day one," Cieslak said. "A perfect transit app would also allow me to pay for the bus/L without a transit card, but, yeah, all in all with the routing data, customer alerts, bus and now 'L' tracker, I think we're 99 percent there." TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

SHOW ME THE MOBILE

RedEye went on an app quest to find the most popular apps for three types of smart phones. More transit app information can be found at the CTA developer center, transitchicago.com/apps. T.S.



IPHONE

« Buster

electropuf.com/products

Displays estimated bus arrival times and finds bus stops closest to users' location

What users said: "Straightforward simplicity. Easy to read, very intuitive and gives you just what you need, nothing more or less," Kevin Castillo, 28, of Ravenswood, told RedEye.

Cost: 99 cents

TransitGenie

transitgenie.com



Shows bus locations in real time and tells

users the most efficient way to get to their destination in an app that resembles Google's Transit map page

What users said: "Very helpful guide to get me to work on time," a user posted on the Apple app store listing.

Cost: Free



ANDROID

« TreKing

sites.google.com/site/rezmobileapps/treking

Shows bus locations in real time and has an alarm that alerts users when the bus is soon to arrive

What users said: "I love this app! It is easy to use and it's great on the go; it has a trip planner too," Melissa Najera, 41, of the Southeast Side, told RedEye.

Cost: \$3

Transit Tracker

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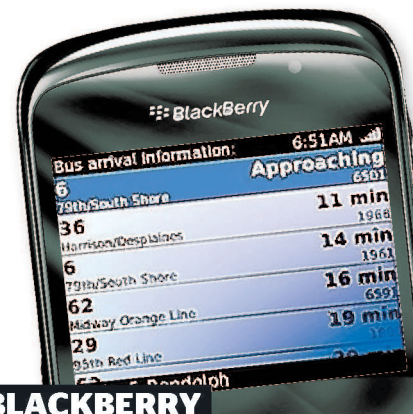


Finds bus routes closest to users'

location and can track multiple buses at the same time

What users said: "I liked how you could save your bus stop location in the app so you wouldn't have to search for the stop. It would just be on your home screen," Anthony Scorzo, 28, of Pullman, told RedEye.

Cost: Pro version, \$2.99; lite version, free



BLACKBERRY

« BusBerry

busberry.com

Cost: \$2.95

Displays estimated bus arrival times in a mobile app that looks like CTA's Bus Tracker page, ctabustracker.com.

What users said: "Lets you set favorite routes and stops. Easier to use than [CTA] website," Jim Hourican, 41, wrote on Twitter.

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DENIED

COURT SAYS DEAL RAISING TAXES ON CANDY, BOOZE FAILS TO MEET STANDARD

Chicago Tribune

Illinois' \$31 billion public works program hit a roadblock Wednesday when a court deemed that state lawmakers didn't properly assemble the pieces of a deal that legalized video poker and raised taxes on candy, beauty products, liquor and license plate stickers.

The appellate decision puts at risk Gov. Quinn's construction program, which he has hailed as the cornerstone of an effort to create jobs and bolster the state's economy.

But the governor and General Assembly leaders are hopeful that the Illinois Supreme Court will reverse the ruling. Attorney General Lisa Madigan said she will go to court Thursday to try to get an immediate reprieve to keep the program going. Quinn's office urged calm.

"Capital bill projects are putting thou-

sands of people to work in every corner of the state while supporting local businesses, improving our infrastructure and increasing energy efficiency," Quinn's office said in a statement.

Democrats and Republicans joined together in 2009 to approve the plan as a way to get construction crews back to work and to bring home millions for local road, bridge and school projects. The controversial video poker portion has been plagued by problems from the start. The machines still are not up and running, and many towns opted out of allowing the gambling expansion in their locales.

On Wednesday, the judges ruled that one piece of legislation creating the construction program violates a state constitution provision requiring that laws address a sin-

gle topic. As such, the judges said all four laws that represent the backbone of the program are unconstitutional. In the view of the court, lawmakers had tried to stuff too much into their legislative sausage-making.

Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) said the authors of the law are familiar with single-subject issues and believe the law satisfies the constitutional standard.

"This isn't our first rodeo, people know about single subject, they drafted the bill so it would be consistent with the constitution and they expect the Supreme Court to agree," Brown said. "If for some reason some portion needs to be re-enacted, given the bipartisan nature of [support], I don't know anyone who would suggest there'd be difficulty there."

Evanston: Students shouldn't fear rental law

Chicago Tribune

Evanston officials on Wednesday sought to allay fears of Northwestern University students upset over a reported crackdown on rental units housing more than three unrelated residents.

"We have not ever had any students leave an apartment as a result of this law," Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl said.

The city said it has no plans to change its code enforcement strategy. But, in a statement, officials also reiterated that landlords without lodging establishment licenses cannot permit more than three unrelated students or roommates to live together in a single dwelling unit.

In November, the city indicated that because of growing complaints from residents, it would increase scrutiny of illegally altered and overcrowded rental properties, most of them student housing.

At that time, officials said they would not require occupancies to be reduced to meet code until the end of the spring semester, except in emergency situations, so that students wouldn't have their academic year upended.

As word of that plan spread this week, hundreds of students showed up at meetings of the Associated Student Government. More than 4,000 students have signed a petition urging Evanston to alter what they feel is an antiquated law.

Students said they plan to attend a city council meeting Monday to address the issue.

"This is an issue that affects everybody on this campus," senior Liz Broder, 21, said. "We, as a student body, do feel empowered to persuade and hopefully have an effect on the city's decision."

On Wednesday, the city said it had received 173 complaints about overcrowded residential units and illegally altered rental properties in a section of town near the campus.

"The City of Evanston has enforced these laws regularly through the years and will continue to do so," the city's statement said.

Dean of Students Burgwell Howard sent a message to students late Wednesday repeating that the city of Evanston has no plans to enforce the "three related" law more strictly.

"This is evolving," Howard said earlier in the day. "If they've changed their position and it's something that is not going to negatively affect our students, that's great."



WALL OF HEROES

Chicago Fire Department Lt. Jake Jakubec straightens the bunting on the mobile Memorial Wall honoring firefighters killed in the line of duty, unveiled Wednesday in the lower west lobby of the Hancock Center. It includes the names of Chris Wheatley, Corey Ankum and Edward Stringer, who were killed in 2010. The wall, which features descriptions and photos of some large Chicago fires and a reproduction of the granite memorial wall at the Stockyards bearing the names of all fallen city firefighters, will remain in the lobby for three weeks before traveling to churches and community centers. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

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Walgreens taking shot at brewery business

Chicago Tribune

Walgreen Co. has quietly rolled out a private label brew. The product, Big Flats 1901, will carry a suggested retail price of \$2.99 for a six-pack of cans and \$11.49 for a 24-pack, the company said.

It will be the private label beer for Deerfield-based Walgreens in states where it's allowed. Prices may vary by region. The chain began selling the beer in mid-December, and it's now available in more than 4,000 locations, a company spokesman said.

"In just the first few weeks of sales consumer feedback has been very positive, as beer drinkers across the U.S. are thrilled to have such a quality brew at a value price," Kathleen Burns, senior marketing manager at Novato, Calif.-based Winery Exchange said in a statement.

Winery Exchange is a private-label alcohol company with clients including Costco, Cost Plus World Market and Trader Joe's. The company developed and owns Big Flats. According to a news release, the beer's name is meant to evoke flat boats that delivered goods to settlers in up-state New York.

Walgreens has been working to beef up its alcohol business for about 18 months. The chain stopped selling alcohol in the 1990s and announced plans to begin selling it again in mid-2009.



Chico
TERRENCE ANTONIO
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Chico says he'll hire more police officers

Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Gery Chico on Wednesday said he'll hire 2,000 more Chicago police officers if elected, but did not offer specifics on how he'd come up with the money to pay for them.

The former Chicago Board of Education president said he would find an extra \$200 million over four years for the extra police, even though the city budget has had shortfalls of hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years.

Chico said if he can't rearrange the budget to fund such a hiring spree, he shouldn't be running for the city's highest office.

While Chico talked crime, candidate Carol Moseley Braun headed to Washington to raise campaign cash. Braun, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, was at a fundraiser luncheon hosted by the National Organization for Women.

Braun reported raising more than \$100,000 in recent days. Investment guru John Rogers

WAITING GAME

Although the fate of his mayoral candidacy sits in the hands of the seven justices on the Illinois Supreme Court, Rahm Emanuel said Wednesday that waiting for their ruling is "not difficult."

gave Braun \$5,000 on top of the \$100,000 he donated last year.

She shot campaign ads last week but is waiting for a cash infusion to air them. Braun reported having only \$164,000 on hand to start the year.

Chico has reported receiving \$133,000 in donations in recent days. He started the year with about \$2 million left.

Rahm Emanuel, who ended the year with \$8.3 million in his campaign fund, reported raising \$68,500 in recent days.

Several candidates reported donations that run afoul of campaign fundraising laws, including the new restrictions on how much candidates can receive.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

A 49-year-old man was found beaten to death Monday in Morgan Park, marking the community area's first homicide this year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

The death also was the only homicide in the past week, from Jan. 19 through Wednesday afternoon, RedEye determined. RedEye has never published a homicide map with just one victim since the newspaper began printing homicide maps in February 2009.

There was a six-day span between the Morgan Park homicide and the homicide before it, a 24-year-old man shot to death Jan. 18 in West Pullman. The last six-day span without a homicide was Dec. 20-26, RedEye data shows.

Nineteen homicides have been recorded so far this month, RedEye data shows. Twenty homicides were logged in January 2010, RedEye determined.

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Cubs stepping up to the (license) plate

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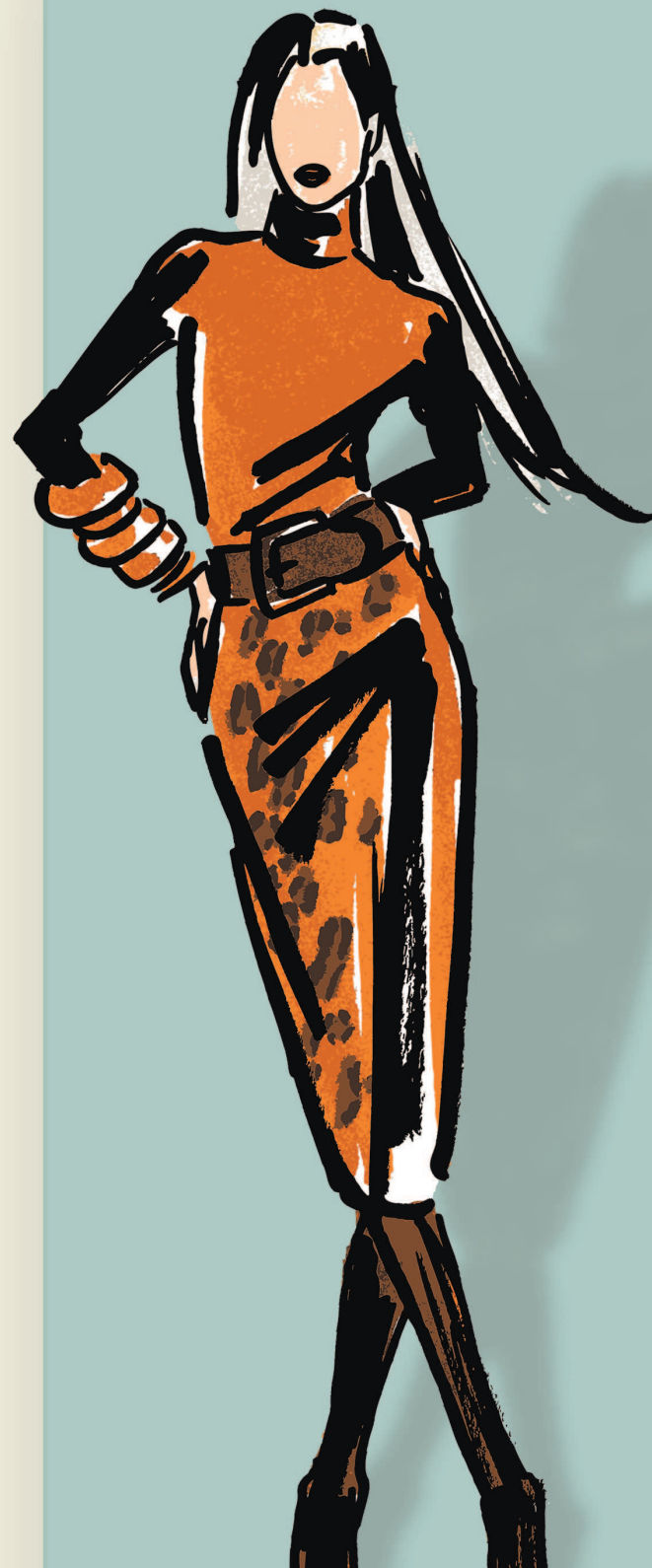
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U.S. takes strong stance amid Egyptian protests

7 **WASHINGTON** The U.S. bluntly urged Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Wednesday to make political reforms in the face of protesters demanding his ouster, marking a pivot in its stance toward a key Arab ally.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton delivered the message at a news conference with the foreign minister of Jordan, another Arab country that watched the ouster of Tunisia's president in a popular revolt two weeks ago.

Police in Cairo fought with thousands

REPORT: FACEBOOK BLOCKED

Facebook has been blocked in Egypt amid anti-government protests, a day after Twitter was blocked, a representative of Harvard University's Herdict Web monitoring center said Wednesday.

of Egyptians who defied a government ban Wednesday to protest against Mubarak's 30-year-old rule, firing tear gas at the crowds and dragging away demonstrators.

The revolt in Tunisia has prompted questions about the stability of other Arab

governments and initially dragged down equity, bond and foreign exchange prices in parts of the region, notably Egypt.

Tunisia's veteran strongman Zine al-Abedine Ben Ali was swept from power Jan. 14 after weeks of protests.

Clinton minced no words, suggesting Egypt's government had to act now if it wanted to avert a similar outcome and urging it not to crack down on peaceful protests or disrupt the social networking sites that help organize and accelerate them.



A grand piano sits on a sandbar Wednesday in Biscayne Bay, Fla. GETTY IMAGES

Mystery piano makes landfall

8 **MIAMI** Call it the latest piano bar, a large-scale mystery or a whole new set of Florida keys.

In Miami's Biscayne Bay, a grand piano has appeared—perched on the highest point of a sandbar.

"We don't know how the piano got out there, we don't know who's responsible for putting the piano out there and at this point it's clearly a mystery," said Jorge Pino of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

And for now, it's staying put. Authorities say they have no plans to remove it.

"What will probably happen is that the piano will just disintegrate because of the salt water and the salt air," said Pino, adding that it will not harm the wildlife.

The Miami Herald first alerted Pino to the mysterious piano last week.



An ambulance transfers U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords from the hospital Wednesday to a nearby rehabilitation facility in Houston. GETTY IMAGES

Giffords' condition upgraded

1 Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was moved from a Houston hospital to a nearby rehabilitation hospital Wednesday after doctors upgraded her condition from serious to good. Giffords was moved to The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research Memorial Hermann.

Fatal mine blast in Colombia

2 Authorities said at least five people were killed and four injured Wednesday in a mine explosion in north-eastern Colombia near the border with Venezuela, backing off an earlier reported figure of 23 people killed.

Library hawk captured

3 A hawk that had called the Library of Congress main reading room its home for a week was caught Wednesday morning, a library spokeswoman said. The bird was caught around 8:30 a.m. in a process that took about 25 minutes.

Russia OKs arms treaty

4 Russia's parliament approved the first nuclear arms reduction treaty with the U.S. in nearly a decade Wednesday, voting to ratify the pact at the center of improved ties between the former Cold War foes.

Cross-border car crash

5 A car bumped off a highway in northern Mexico, vaulted over the border fence and came to rest 40 yards inside the U.S., near San Diego, injuring two passengers, authorities said Wednesday.

Woman survives 23-story fall

6 An Argentine woman survived after jumping from the 23rd floor of a downtown Buenos Aires hotel Monday, landing on a taxi moments after the driver dashed to safety, the state news agency reported.



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Microsoft said Wednesday it sold more than 2 million units of its new Windows Phone 7 software to handset makers last quarter.



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Graham Watanabe (yellow) of the U.S. and Alberto Schiavon (white) of Italy lead their quarterfinal heat of the Men's Snowboarder X in January 2010 at Winter X Games 14 in Aspen, Colo.

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RATED X

SHAUN WHITE, GRETCHEN BLEILER AND CO. RETURN TO BUTTERMILK MOUNTAIN

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ASPEN, Colo. Happy birthday, Winter X Games! You've hit a milestone. You're 15 years old—well-established enough that some of the world's top skiers and snowboarders take you almost as seriously as the Olympics, yet still fresh enough that they keep coming back.

The biggest names in action sports—when Olympic medalists Shaun White and Gretchen Bleiler are at your party, you know the rest of the guest list will be impressive—return to Buttermilk Mountain on Thursday for the beginning of Winter X Games 15, with more than 200 athletes competing through Sunday in 21 events.

Fresh off a gold at the 2010 Vancouver Games, his second straight in the halfpipe, White hopes to add to his Winter X record total of 15 medals—including 10 golds, five in the pipe and five in slopestyle. The past three years on Buttermilk, he has won gold in superpipe; however, he might be rusty in slopestyle after a summer spent mostly on his skateboard.

"I've been coming here so long," White said, "you add these extra elements, and it

feels like the first time. ... This is the destination. Everybody shows up and has a good time."

A four-time Winter X superpipe gold medalist, Bleiler looks to defend her title against a stacked field that features two-time Olympic medalists Kelly Clark and Hannah Teter. Other Olympic medalists at Winter X are J.J. Thomas in superpipe, Ross Powers in snowboard best method and Lindsey Jacobellis and Seth Wescott in Snowboarder X.

"It's so amazing to be at the bottom of the mountain and just look up and see everything," Bleiler said. "I'm a little biased, but I couldn't think of a better place than Aspen."

Catching the athletes won't be a problem, as 24 hours of live programming from Winter X, in its 10th consecutive year in Aspen, will be carried on ESPN and ESPN2. Prime-time coverage will be available in 382 million U.S. homes and 154 countries. Last year, a record 84,100 fans visited Buttermilk, a jump of 9 percent from the previous high mark set in 2007, and 43 million viewers watched ESPN's broadcasts, also a record.

COMPETITORS TO WATCH



GRETCHEN BLEILER, 29

Residence: Aspen, Colo.

Events: Snowboard superpipe.

What to know: Took 11th at the 2010 Vancouver Games after falling on both of her final runs.



SARAH BURKE, 28

Residence: Whistler, British Columbia

Events: Skiing superpipe.

What to know: The first skier to claim an ESPY award, for female action sports athlete of the year in 2007.



SHAUN WHITE, 24

Residence: Carlsbad, Calif.

Events: Snowboard superpipe, snowboard slopestyle.

What to know: On his skateboard, won a silver in vert at the X Games in July before touring to promote his new video game.

TRICKS

» Gretchen Bleiler, snowboard superpipe: Back-to-back 900s.

» Simon Dumont, skiing superpipe, skiing big air: Switch double cork 1,080.

» Torstein Horgmo, snowboard slopestyle, snowboard big air: Triple cork 1,260.

» Louie Vito, snowboard superpipe: Back-to-back double cork 1,080s.

» Shaun White, snowboard superpipe: Double McTwist 1,260.

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1 What's the next controversy in Chicago sports going to be?	Whether Caleb Hanie should run for mayor.	Derrick Rose should have tied his shoes in a double-knot, but he only did a single. So lazy.	That depends on which athlete is injured next.	Jay Cutler retroactively blamed for the Cubs curse.	You didn't hear about Carlos Boozer and his alleged affair yet? HAHAAHAHA!
2 Why is Chad Ochocinco changing his name back to Chad Johnson?	Clearly his days of being relevant are numbered.	Better to fit in with the average masses than stand out as an idiot.	He had much better stats as "Johnson."	Chad Eight-Five was taken.	New England wouldn't want him with a name like "Ochocinco," right?
3 What other athletes should consider changing their name?	Chad Johnson.	So his image can be more friendly, LeBron James will change his name to Smiley Happypants.	Milton Bradley	I hear Tiger Woods is attempting "Snake in the Grass."	The Cubs. All of them.
4 Why did a football pad-maker sign Michael Vick to an endorsement deal?	The company must be expecting a major fall in his future.	If you want protection from the mob, you have to join the mob.	"Unequal Technologies"—have you heard of them? It's one way to get your brand talked about.	Don't be a hater! Vick is sick.	Jay Cutler was their first choice.
5 Who you got in the Australian Open?	"Chuck's" Yvonne Strahovski has to be No. 1, with Rose Byrne a close second.	Well it's a little easier to predict when it's almost over. So I'll say ... Bjorn Borg.	Who can think about tennis in this weather?	Russell Crowe.	The participants matter not. Don't fool yourselves, the electronic eye calls the shots in tennis now.

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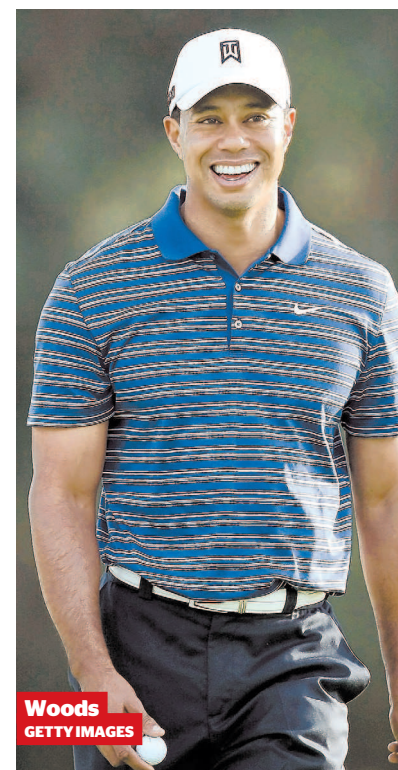
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What's not to love about a basketball game on an aircraft carrier? **MCT FILE**



Woods
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Tiger back in the hunt

Much has changed for Tiger Woods since his private life spectacularly unraveled just over a year ago, but his appetite for winning golf tournaments remains as sharp as ever.

The former world No. 1 plays his first event of the year at this week's PGA Tour event in San Diego and he is itching to tee off in Thursday's opening round after being energized by a highly productive offseason.

"I'm really looking forward to getting out there and playing, and basically feeling the heat again," Woods told reporters at Torrey Pines on Wednesday. "I haven't been here in a few years, and over the years I've had a little bit of success here."

Woods returns to Torrey Pines for the first time since his remarkable play-off win at the 2008 U.S. Open, the seventh professional victory of his career at the picturesque venue that hugs the bluffs above the Pacific Ocean.

He won the PGA Tour event here six times, including a run of four in a row from 2005.

"My expectations are the same," Woods replied when asked to outline his goals for the week. "Whatever event I enter is to win the event."

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Extreme games

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Michigan State and North Carolina plan on playing a basketball game on an aircraft carrier in San Diego next season. That's odd, for sure. But we have a few ideas for even odder and more unusual settings for sporting events. **REDEYE**

Blackhawks game at the Hancock Center's rink

» Sure, it's small—really small. But just picture the Hawks and Detroit squaring off on the world's highest ice-skating rink. Of course, they'd have to play like two-on-two, but it would be cool nonetheless.

NASCAR on the streets of Chicago

» Chicago would never be able to shut down its streets to accommodate NASCAR, but a race that included scenic Lake Shore Drive and Lower Wacker Drive would be incredible. Of course, Tony Stewart flipping a Chevy into Lake Michigan might throw a wrench into things.

Table tennis on a flatbed truck

» Similar to basketball on an aircraft carrier, ping-pong on a flatbed would not only be unique but add an element of danger to an otherwise relaxing sport. Bonus points if you knock a pingpong ball into the open window of a passing vehicle.

Roller derby on Navy Pier

» Chicago's Windy City Rollers could take their game to a whole new level with a race around Navy Pier. And instead of just bumping competitors off the track, they could knock them into the lake. That way, they could wear personalized life vests.

Tennis in a cave

» Imagine it. A tennis court in a pitch-black cave with the only light supplied by glowing balls. In-and-out calls would be made by the electronic eye currently used in tennis. The only drawback: We would not be able to see Venus and Serena Williams' outrageous tennis dresses.

AND FINALLY...

Olympic swimming in the Chicago River » This would be so ... uh, on second thought, forget it. There'd be no survivors.

GAME PLANNER

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DePaul at S. Florida
8 p.m. ESPNU

» The Blackhawks will make their second straight pre-season neutral-site appearance in Canada, it was announced Wednesday, when they take on Edmonton on Sept. 20 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

» The Bulls' Derrick Rose missed practice Wednesday with what the team called "flu-like symptoms." Rose, who has been bothered by a sore back, stayed home while the rest of the team practiced at the Berto Center.

FINAL SCORE: » Wolves 5, Oklahoma City 4 » Minnesota 81, Northwestern 70 » Wichita St. 74, S. Illinois 64
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This after-school detention-themed club takes over the old Bar Chicago space on the Gold Coast

LATE JANUARY

George Street Pub

Corner bar and eatery moving into the space that was once Lakeview bar The Union

Lady Gregory's

Sibling of Irish pubs Wilde and Beckett's set to open in Andersonville

EARLY FEBRUARY

Leader Bar

Pizza and beer-focused spot from the owner of Uberstein and Maxbar

Hubbard Inn

New River North bar and eatery from the team behind English and LaSalle Power Co.

Frontier

West Town, mountain lodge-themed spot from the owners behind The Pony and Lotties Pub

Old routine getting dull? Try one of these five new spots

By Emily Van Zandt

With the deep freeze of winter not letting us go anytime soon, it's tempting to do nothing more than sit warmly at home and dream of spring. But if there's one thing that can get us off the couch and back into the fray, it's a hot new venue. Lucky for us 2011 already has brought a slew of openings—the hardest part is picking which to choose first.



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NOW OPEN

Angels & Kings

230 N. Michigan Ave. 312-334-6463

It may not be "new new," but the recently reopened Chicago location of Angels & Kings will certainly feel fresh since its move from Clark Street in River North to the lobby of the Hard Rock Hotel. You can still count on small performances from bands and DJs, a swanky dark, plush interior and the occasional Pete Wentz sighting.

Public House

400 N. State St. 312-265-1240

Looking for a spot for a few drinks in River North? With more than 80 beers to choose from and a menu featuring upgraded bar favorites such as beef brisket sliders, mini kobe corn dogs and grilled flat breads, this venue (from the owners behind Bull & Bear) is sure to become a fast favorite with the after-work crowd in the neighborhood. The crowd could swell even more when temps rise and the 10 retractable windows along State and Kinzie open up for some prime people-watching.

THE TICKER

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» River North sports bar **Bull & Bear** will celebrate its two-year anniversary Thursday.

» Rock Bottom Brewery will host the chilly **Polar Beer Festival**, featuring more than 15 winter ales, on its rooftop Feb. 19.

» Rehab at Debonair Social Club will celebrate its third anniversary Monday with a "**Saved by the Bell**"-themed party featuring an appearance by Screech, aka Dustin Diamond.



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Privét

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It didn't take long for Gold Coast night spot Le Passage to close and reopen as new concept Privét. If the name is reminiscent of "private," you're right on—the club is striving for the ultimate VIP feel by remaining ultra-exclusive. To get through the doors you'll need to know the right people (i.e. staff, friends of staff, friends of friends of staff ... whatever you can manage) as there's no guest list or general admission RSVP option. Good luck.

Wolcott's

1834 W. Montrose Ave. 773-334-4848

Brown Line riders rejoice: There's a new option in close-to-the-train drinking and dining in Ravenswood. Barely a block down from the Montrose stop, you won't freeze getting to this neighborhood spot. Look for a comfort and bar-food centric menu including mac and cheese, corn dogs and burgers. With a drink menu that expands from solely beer (think specialty martinis and a handful of wine choices), there's a little something for everyone.

Maude's Liquor Bar

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Following in the bar/restaurant hybrid trend, this French-themed West Loop space combines intimate dining and killer cocktails for a great date-night option. The team behind Gilt Bar and Curio opened the two-story spot in earlier this month and tables have been filling quickly. Patrons can choose between dining at a downstairs table, grabbing a drink at the main-floor bar or heading to the more lounge-like upstairs section.

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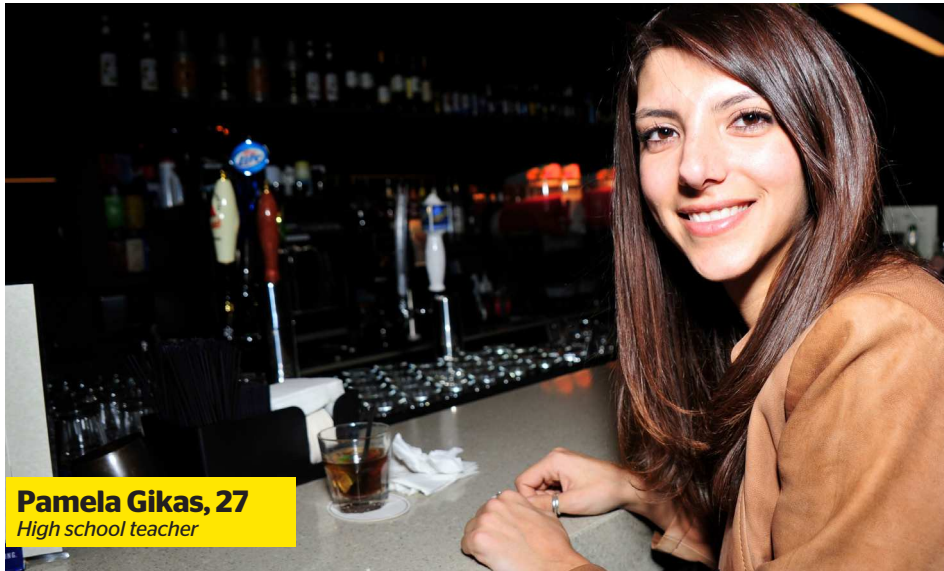
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We checked out Chuckie's in Rogers Park on a very chilly Saturday night where we found an intimate crowd basking in the bar's warm atmosphere. **BY CRAIG SEYMOUR**



Pamela Gikas, 27
High school teacher

How would you describe the vibe of this place?

It's very welcoming and warm-hearted. From the moment I walk in, [the staff] is always smiling, and they know exactly what I want to drink.

What are you drinking?

Bacardi Diet with two limes. They always make it perfectly with two limes. It's very soothing.

What would you do if you saw one of your students here with a fake ID?

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John Munteam, 37
Works with wood flooring

You're wearing a short-sleeved shirt on a super cold night. What gives?

It's warm in here.

What are you drinking and why?

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What brought you here tonight?

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Vittoria Mignani, 22
Northwestern student

How would you describe the vibe of this place?

It's a nice place. This is my first time here. I just noticed it walking by one day.

What are you drinking?

It's a cosmopolitan. It was actually a special. They recommended it, and I decided to try it.

What brings you out on such a cold night?

Just out to have a couple of drinks and enjoy a Saturday night. It was a well-needed drink. After two weeks of school. I'm pretty stressed out already. So, I was just like, I'll suck it up and go out.



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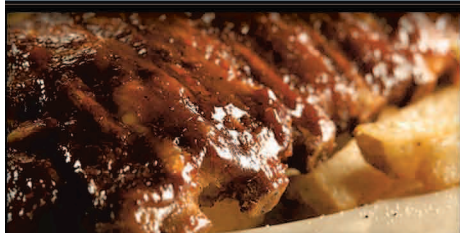
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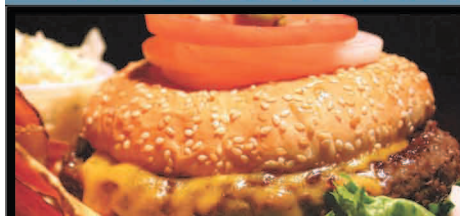


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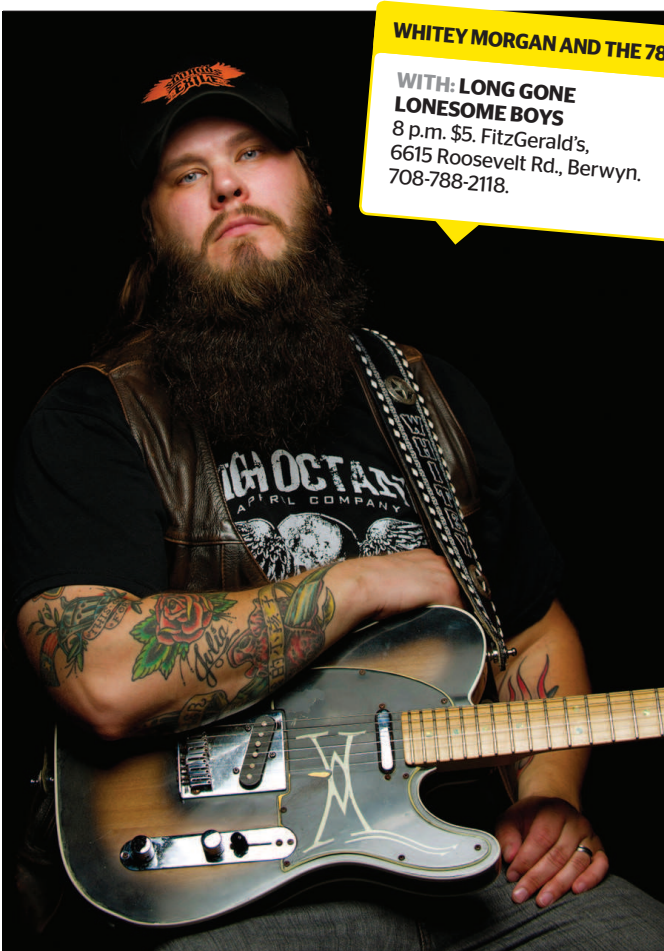
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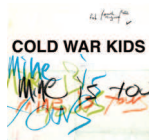
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Nathan Willett's unusual yelp. Detractors say: Willett doesn't temper his belting into actual, versatile singing, and the group's attempt to confront heavy subject matter never becomes as profound as it seems to think. Fortunately, on "Mine is Yours" Cold War Kids demonstrate a tighter melodic focus than 2008's disappointing "Loyalty to Loyalty." The new record pulls focused grooves and direct, heartfelt sentiments from the opening title track and then "Louder Than Ever," though it's hard not to grimace when Willett compares a slippery slope to "that Mouse Trap game." He's learned to use his voice for more than just over-emoting, and his words, revolving mostly around relationship games and confessions, are more assertive than usual (the soaring, empowering "Out of the Wilderness" and confident "Royal Blue").

The group's bigger, less jittery sound (note the U2-esque anthem "Flying Upside Down") does veer into Kings of Leon territory (particularly on "Broken Open," "Bulldozer" and "Finally Begin") and has no idea what it's doing on "Sensitive Kid," a track that features hip-hop flourishes, funk-style guitar and Willett leaping from aggressive to falsetto. Yet the band's moving in the right direction towards smartly composed grooves and pleas, away from go-nowhere twitches and empty howls.

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- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35

**LANDMARK CENTURY
CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)**
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949

- **Another Year** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:45
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
- **The King's Speech** (R) 1:00, 1:45, 3:45, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20
- **Somewhere** (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
- **Black Swan** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:45, 10:10
- **Barney's Version** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **The Mechanic** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Rite** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:10, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:50
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:00, 4:40, 7:10, 10:10
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50
- **Country Strong** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:40
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 3:30, 9:20
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 12:50, 1:50, 4:40, 6:20, 7:30, 10:20
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Fighter** (R) 2:00, 4:50, 6:30, 7:50, 9:30, 10:40
- **Yogi Bear** (PG) 12:40, 3:10
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:20, 3:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 6:00, 9:10
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:45, 7:45, 10:15

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **The King's Speech** (R) 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Fighter** (R) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Black Swan** (R) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **No Strings Attached** (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 10:00
- **AMC Independent The Heart Specialist** (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:25
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:05, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 8:00, 10:35
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 10:30, 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
- **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 10:35, 1:00, 3:05
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:35, 4:05, 6:35, 9:15
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 11:45, 1:05, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 10:40, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
- **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 12:15, 3:10, 6:20, 9:25
- **Yogi Bear** (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 3:55, 6:15, 8:35
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 10:50, 1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:30
- **Tangled** (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

- **My Dog Tulip** (NR) 4:15 P.M.
- **Winston Churchill: Walking with Destiny** (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- **Shoah Part 1** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- **Every Man for Himself** (NR) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Tangled** (PG) 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40, 9:45
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
- **Megamind** (PG) 12:50, 2:40, 4:40, 6:30, 8:20, 10:10

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **William S. Burroughs: A Man Within** (NR) 9:45 P.M.
- **The Illusionist** (PG) 5:40, 7:40
- **Sundance Film Festival U.S.A. 2011** (NR) 7:30 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **AMC Independent Dholi Ghat (Mumbai Diaries)** (NR) 2:45, 5:15, 7:35
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 2:25, 5:00, 7:45
- **AMC Independent No One Killed Jessica** (NR) 3:00, 7:00
- **AMC Independent I Love You Phillip Morris** (R) 5:30 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Casino Jack** (R) 3:00, 8:00

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
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- **AMC Independent The Company Men** (R) 11:20, 2:05, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
- **AMC Independent The Way Back** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:50, 6:05, 9:15
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:00, 2:35, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **AMC Independent Blue Valentine** (R) 11:30, 2:20, 5:05, 8:05, 10:45
- **AMC Independent Blue Valentine** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:20, 10:10
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) 11:05, 2:10, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 10:05
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 11:25, 2:15, 5:10, 8:10, 10:55
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:25, 5:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30, 10:50
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 11:00 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Country Strong** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:45, 5:30, 8:20, 11:00
- **AMC Independent Somewhere** (R) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:25, 8:15, 10:45
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 11:50, 1:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:35, 7:25, 8:20, 10:15, 10:55
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 11:10, 2:00, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 6:45, 9:45
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:20

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **The Mechanic** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- **AMC Independent The Way Back** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:40
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
- **AMC Independent Blue Valentine** (R) 1:15, 7:05
- **AMC Independent The King's Speech** (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
- **The Green Hornet: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 3:45, 6:35, 9:25
- **AMC Independent Country Strong** (PG-13) 4:10, 10:05
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 12:25, 3:30, 6:25, 9:10
- **Tron: Legacy** (PG) 9:40 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45
- **Yogi Bear** (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:25
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 7:45, 10:35
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:35, 4:15, 6:55
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:05 P.M.

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- **The Mechanic** (R) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Rite** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:10, 2:10, 3:30, 4:00, 4:50, 6:15, 6:50, 7:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:10
- **The Company Men** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:15
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
- **Rabbit Hole** (PG-13) 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:50

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
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- **AMC Independent The Heart Specialist** (R) 2:25, 5:15, 8:05, 10:40
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 2:05, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:30
- **Gulliver's Travels** (PG) 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
- **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 2:20, 4:35, 6:40, 9:00
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:50, 9:15

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **AMC Independent The Heart Specialist** (R) 12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 6:55, 9:15
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- **Season of the Witch** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
- **Little Fockers** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
- **Gulliver's Travels 3D** (PG) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:35
- **Yogi Bear 3D** (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
- **AMC Independent Black Swan** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
- **AMC Independent The Fighter** (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10
- **The Tourist** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
- **Tangled** (PG) 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20

**SHOWPLACE ICON
AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION**
Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- **From Prada to Nada** (PG-13) 12:02 A.M.
- **The Mechanic** (R) 12:03 A.M.
- **The Rite** (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:50, 6:00, 7:40, 8:45, 10:20
- **The Way Back** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:10, 3:30, 6:30, 10:15
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 12:50, 1:20, 3:40, 4:15, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:15, 11:00
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 1:15, 2:10, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:55
- **The Heart Specialist** (R) 1:40 P.M.
- **The King's Speech** (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:40
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
- **Black Swan** (R) 2:40, 4:00, 5:20, 7:20, 8:10, 9:55, 10:50
- **127 Hours** (R) 12:05 A.M.
- **The Company Men** (R) 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

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- **The Rite** (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:45
- **The Way Back** (PG-13) 12:01, 10:15

**OAK PARK
LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)**
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 4:20
- **Blue Valentine** (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50
- **The King's Speech** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
- **The Dilemma** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
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- **Black Swan** (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
- **The Fighter** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20

**EVANSTON
CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**
1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123

- **Another Year** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:40, 7:15, 10:10
- **Barney's Version** (R) 12:55, 4:05, 7:10, 10:15
- **No Strings Attached** (R) 11:30, 12:45, 1:55, 3:25, 4:45, 6:05, 7:25, 8:45, 10:05
- **Black Swan** (R) 12:50, 3:30, 4:10, 6:10, 8:50, 9:50
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- **The Green Hornet** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:05, 9:00
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40
- **The Green Hornet 3D** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
- **The Illusionist** (PG) 12:35, 2:40, 4:40, 6:45, 8:55
- **The King's Speech** (R) 12:05, 1:20, 2:50, 5:35, 7:00, 8:25
- **Tron: Legacy 3D** (PG) 11:40 A.M.
- **True Grit** (PG-13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10

Sex in the suburbs

Former 'Housewife' Bethenny Frankel opens up about it all on speaking tour

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

Bethenny Frankel is living up to her name by hosting two frank conversations on topics from "food to sex to exercise" in the Chicago area this weekend.

The former singleton on the "Real Housewives of New York City" will talk Friday at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan and Saturday at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet.

"There will be gossip and a lot of humor. ... It really is a conversation. Me and a microphone. Hour and 45 minutes," said Frankel, whose brazen attitude was featured on three seasons of "Real Housewives" and last year on her own show, "Bethenny Getting Married?"

The sequel to that show, "Bethenny Ever After," premieres Feb. 28 on Bravo. The fourth season of "Real Housewives" debuts Feb. 15, but without Frankel.

"I do not miss being on the 'Housewives' at all," said Frankel, who had a very public strife with former bestie and "Housewife" Jill Zarin. "It's more [the] filming. Ten times as hard. Emotionally, nothing could be more difficult than that."

Frankel talked to RedEye from her tour bus, which has visited Schenectady, N.Y., Wilmington, Del., and Milwaukee before her Illinois shows.

Her choice of Joliet and Waukegan isn't a snub to Chicago, Frankel said. In the late '90s she lived in Lakeview, she said, when she was "being engaged to someone."

"I have fans everywhere. You don't only want to do the big cities," said Frankel, who counts more than 347,000 followers on her Twitter account, @bethenny.

Frankel, who has been video-blogging her bus tour, said she's "had the best food" in these smaller towns and will ask her fans what spots to hit in Waukegan and Joliet. RedEye did the work for her and imagined an itinerary for her Chicago-area weekend.

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Skinnygirl Night Out: A Conversation with Bethenny Frankel

8 p.m. Friday
Genesee Theatre,
203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan

8 p.m. Saturday
Rialto Square Theatre
15 E. Van Buren St., Joliet

Tickets for both shows are available at ticketmaster.com. A \$75 VIP ticket for the Joliet show includes a post-performance meet-and-greet.

RedEye recommends



El Puerto Mexican Restaurant in Fox Lake

During her Waukegan stop, Frankel could pit her creation, the SkinnyGirl Margarita, against El Puerto, which says it has the "best margarita in Lake County."



Ice skating in Millennium Park

Frankel (above) recently was runner-up in "Skating with the Stars." She lost to actress Rebecca Budig, who skated as a child. Frankel should have no problem taking on the tourists in Millennium Park.

Joliet Area Historical Museum, Joliet

Frankel is no stranger to red carpets and fashion shows. The museum boasts on its website that visitors can "stroll down a turn-of-the-century street past storefronts showcasing fashions of yesteryear."



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'Archer' 9 p.m. Thursday, FX

Jessica Walter turns 70 on Monday, but you won't hear of her taking offense to anything that happens in this risqué animated comedy about the goings-on at a spy agency. "A lot of this stuff shocks me," she told RedEye this week, adding "I do laugh out loud. I really, really, honestly do. It's so far out and so out there." In "Swiss Miss," the Season 2 premiere, **ISIS agency CEO Malory (Walter)**

plans to woo a Swiss billionaire to save the agency, but her superspy son, Sterling, can't keep his eyes off the man's promiscuous daughter. You won't believe what this show gets away with; it's good, dirty fun.

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» Read more from Jessica Walter and her "Archer" co-stars at showpatrolTV.com.



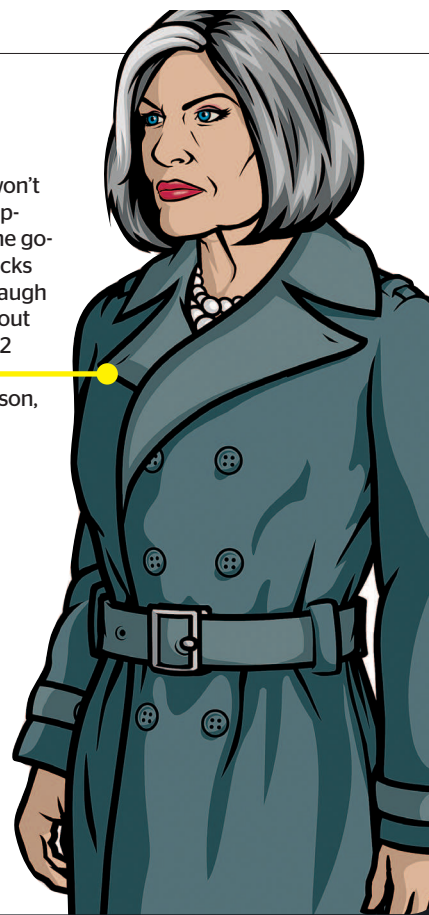
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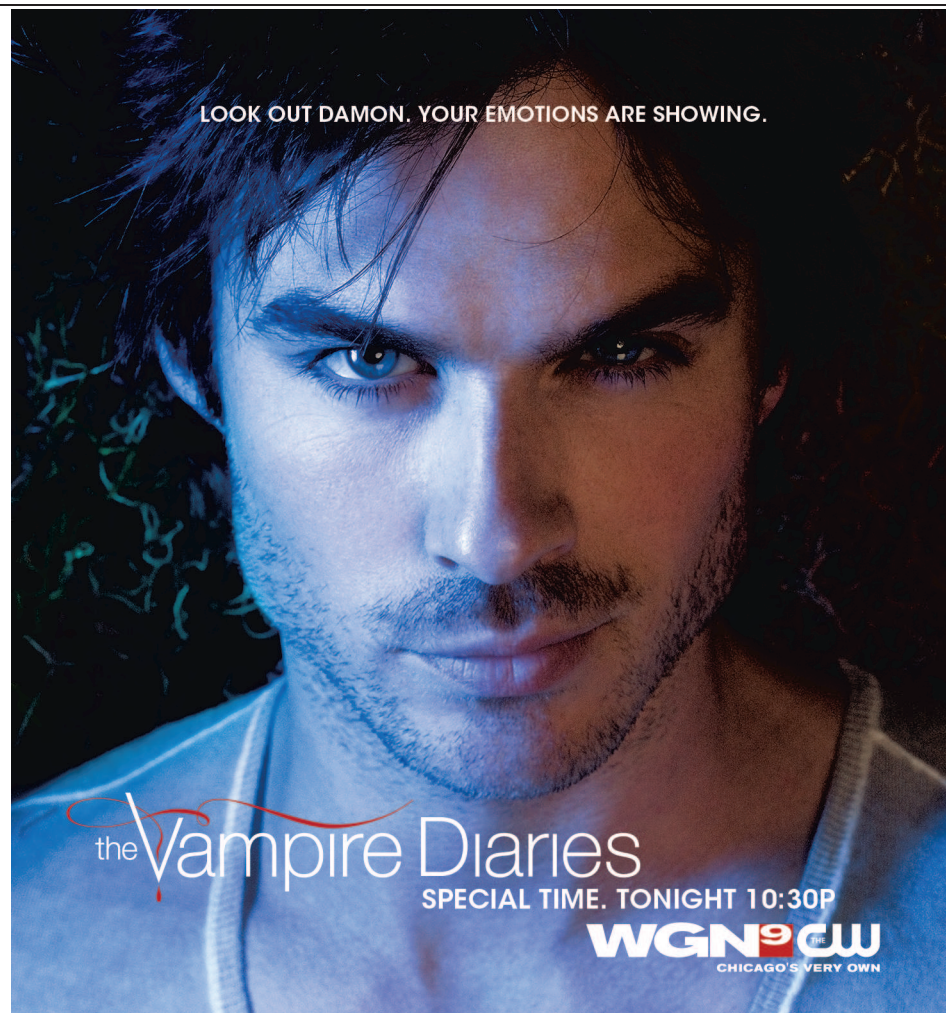
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BRING BACK THE BEEF?

UH-OH—50 CENT AND KANYE BOTH HAVE ALBUMS COMING THIS SUMMER

By Dana Moran

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We've seen this one before. This week, Kanye West announced via Twitter he'll release yet another album this summer AND 50 Cent told MTV his new record will drop around that time. Flash back to 2007, when both artists released albums on Sept. 11. After vowing to quit the biz if 'Ye outsold him, Fiddy was blown out of the water. In light of this potential rematch, Red-Eye jumped in our hip-hop time machine to see how both these rappers' careers have fared since album-gate.

2007

50 CENT AND KANYE
Sept. 11

The artists released "Curtis" and "Graduation," respectively. In the first week, "Graduation" outsold "Curtis" 957,000 to 691,000, according to usatoday.com. 50 backed off on claims he'd quit rapping.

KANYE
Sept. 29

He appeared on "Saturday Night Live" as the musical guest, with LeBron James as the host. You read that right: someone thought LeBron could act.

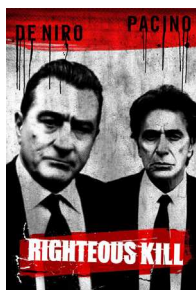
50 CENT
Oct. 12

"50 Cent Curtis Jackson Day" was declared in Bridgeport, Conn. The mayor gave Fiddy a key to the city. What do those things unlock, anyway?

2008

KANYE
Feb. 10

Won four Grammys, including best rap album for "Graduation."



50 CENT
Sept. 12

Appeared in "Righteous Kill" with Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. No, we've never heard of this movie either.

2009

KANYE
Sept. 13

Swiftgate. 'Nuff said.



50 CENT
Nov. 16

Released "Before I Self Destruct," which topped Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop and Rap album charts.



2010

50 CENT
May

Released photos of his dramatic 54-pound weight loss for a movie role. Don't worry, he wasn't gaunt for long.

KANYE
July

Broke up with long-time girlfriend and fashion accessory, Amber Rose.

50 CENT
Oct. 21

Claimed to not be dating TV host Chelsea Handler in spite of a rampant media flirtation. Could they both have been in it for the publicity?

KANYE
Nov. 22

Released "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," which was named album of the year by approximately 8 bajillion critics.

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ACROSS

- 1 Carpet
- 4 Happen
- 9 Sit for an artist
- 13 Singles
- 15 Not these, but the ones there
- 16 Dubuque, —
- 17 Chianti or rosé
- 18 Refuge
- 19 Russian leader of old
- 20 Most sensitive to the touch
- 22 N.J. basketball team
- 23 Like meringue
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- 26 Hits hard
- 29 Natives of Mali & Kenya, e.g.
- 34 Surfer's concerns
- 35 Attempted
- 36 Establish
- 37 Whitney and Wallach
- 38 Elevate
- 39 Deep mud
- 40 Gobbled up
- 41 People from Wales
- 42 Debonair
- 43 Luster
- 45 Flag
- 46 Prepare Easter eggs
- 47 Jack or joker
- 48 Rise to the occasion
- 51 New Testament book
- 56 Earthenware cooking jar
- 57 Approximately
- 58 California wine-making valley
- 60 Bar soap brand
- 61 Thick
- 62 At any time
- 63 Long periods
- 64 Lawn tool
- 65 Female sheep

DOWN

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- 2 College credit
- 3 Trait transmitter
- 4 People not yet mentioned
- 5 Cautious
- 6 Sheltered bay
- 7 Takes advantage of
- 8 How apartment maintenance men live
- 9 Meal on the grass
- 10 Seep out
- 11 Slap
- 12 Corncobs
- 14 Law-making bodies
- 21 Perishes
- 25 eBay offer
- 26 Take an oath
- 27 Island near Sicily
- 28 Covered with a climbing plant
- 29 Ascend
- 30 Trout or turbot
- 31 From Thailand or Cambodia
- 32 Boldness
- 33 Direct; guide
- 35 Bath powder
- 38 Rebel
- 39 Very ordinary
- 41 "No __, Jose!"
- 42 Indian garment
- 44 High principles
- 45 Cake-to-be
- 47 Reason
- 48 Morse __
- 49 Mixture
- 50 Blueprint
- 52 Not up yet
- 53 Yearn
- 54 Church section
- 55 Gush forth
- 59 Have existence

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Where's the glee?

Another day, another Twitter feud. This new one belongs to "Glee" co-creator Ryan Murphy (left, top) and Kings of Leon drummer Nathan Followill (left, bottom). After Murphy expressed his displeasure to The Hollywood Reporter that Kings of Leon declined to let the show use the band's music, **billboard.com** says Followill tweeted: "Dear Ryan Murphy, let it go. See a therapist, get a manicure, buy a new bra. Zip your lip and focus on educating 7yr olds how to say [bleep]." This one isn't going away anytime soon.



A baby Bardem

Felicitades! Sexy Spaniards Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem had their first child last week, a rep for the couple told **etonline.com** on Wednesday. The son—his name was not released—has some serious genetic advantages. Not only are both parents hot, they also both are Academy Award winners.



Will power

Will Ferrell (left) has a new job—that's what she said—at Dunder Mifflin. Ferrell will appear in a four-episode arc of "The Office" as a branch manager, **deadline.com** reports. No word yet on when the episodes will air. In other casting news, Diddy will appear in a spring episode of

"Hawaii Five-O" as a New York detective, **billboard.com** reports.



A tasty movie?

Starved for "The Hunger Games" movie adaptation? Here's your movie reservation: March 23, 2012. That's when the first book of the young adult trilogy about a bizarre dystopia where teens kill each other to survive will hit the big screen. No parts have been cast yet,

but "True Grit's" teenage star Hailee Steinfeld—now an Oscar nominee—is rumored to be up for the juicy lead role of Katniss Everdeen. She told MTV earlier this month, "I'm up for it."



HOT DATE

March 13

That's when Ice Cube (left) will perform at The Mid (306 N. Halsted St.). Opening for Amerikka's Most Wanted are several Kyles Files track-off alumni, including Mikkey Halsted, Lungz and Ill Legit, the latter of whom will perform as half of I&A with DJ Alo. **GETTYIMAGESFILE PHOTO**

"Hard Knock" life



It ain't exactly a hard-knock life for Willow Smith (left). Jay-Z is part of an upcoming remake of "Annie," starring the artist formerly known as Will and Jada's daughter, **billboard.com** reported Wednesday. No word on whether that hot bass line from Jay's "Hard Knock Life" will make an appearance in the film, but we would not be mad if it did. **GETTYIMAGESFILE PHOTO**

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